

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action mailed on March 30, 2009. This response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 20, 22-25, 28 and 30 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hassler et al in view of Grunewald et al.

Claim 26 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hassler et al in view of Grunewald et al and Reichenberger.

Claim 31 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hassler et al in view of Grunewald et al and Hoff et al.

Applicant notes with gratitude the indicated allowability of claim 21. Claim 20 has thus been amended with the recitation of claim 21 and claim 21 has been canceled.

Accordingly, claims 20 and 22-31 are respectfully deemed patentable. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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